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Biden Names Seasoned Prosecutor as State Prosecutor

Wilmington– Today Attorney General Beau Biden named Kathleen Jennings as State Prosecutor in the Delaware Department of Justice. Jennings brings more than 30 years of experience as a prosecutor and administrator to the top spot in the Department's Criminal Division. She replaces Richard Andrews who was confirmed by the United States Senate last week as U.S. District Judge for Delaware.

Attorney General Biden said, "Kathy brings unique and valuable experience from years prosecuting criminal cases and managing prosecutors to this position. I look forward to working closely with Kathy as a member of my senior staff."

After graduating from Villanova Law School in 1978 Jennings worked as a Deputy Attorney General for 16 years in the Delaware Department of Justice Criminal Division. During that time she prosecuted the full range of cases, from misdemeanors to homicides, and she supervised the Rape, Felony Screening, and Trial Units. Notably, she handled the 1989 prosecution of serial killer Steven Pennell. From 1993 to 1994 Jennings served as Chief Deputy Attorney General under Attorney General Charles Oberly.

In 1995, Jennings and outgoing Attorney General Charles Oberly established a private legal practice in Wilmington, where she has handled a range of criminal defense, white collar, regulatory, and civil litigation cases. Jennings is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

"I am honored that Attorney General Biden has asked me to fill this important position," Jennings stated. "The prosecutors in the Attorney General's Office are a terrific group of talented trial attorneys who tirelessly devote themselves to the cause of justice, and I look forward to working with them."

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